(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted a project proposal for forestry development which was posed to the World Bank for providing financial assistance. A World Bank Mission is currently in Andhra Pradesh to carry out the pre-appraisal of the project. After this exercise has been completed, the project will be appraised by the World Bank with a view to negotiating the final agreement to finance the project.

The total project outlay expected to be about Rs. 334 crores for a period of six years. The various activities included are tree planting, natural regeneration pasture development, wildlife conservation, research, training etc.

Lifting of Ban on Monkey Export

2379. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Times of India dated 13th November, 1992 under the heading "Pressure to lift ban on monkey export"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to change the present policy.

Environment Protection Act

2380. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Economic Times dated 1st November, 1992 to the effect that there has been an undue delay in the enactment of the proposed Environment protection Act resulting further extension of deadline for filing of objections on draft notifications;

(b) whether it is a fact that some vested interests are causing this delay which in turn is causing invaluable harm to environmental protection and violation of codes for ecological upkeep; and

(c) whether Government propose to set a final deadline on the validity of draft notification and proceed with the notification to protect our national interests on ecology and environment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The draft notification provides for detailed discussions with the development agencies, NGOs and all the other concerned parties before it can be finalised by duly incorporating, where possible, the suggestions and comments offered. Chief Ministers of some States, however, suggested that this matter needs to be first discussed with the Prime Minister. Meanwhile, date for finalisation of the notification has been extended a number of times so as to incorporate the decisions of this discussion. The last date presently set for gazetting the notification is 27th January 1993.

Setting up of a Cell for Sanitation

2381. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a cell dealing with sanitation in his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up a sanitation cell in the Ministry of Environment and Forests as the matter of sanitation is dealt in the Ministries of Urban Development and of Rural Development.